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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6408**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1112

**NOTE PREPARED:** Apr 26, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 25, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Write-in Candidates.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Hamm

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Paul

**BILL STATUS:** Enrolled

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill provides that a write-in candidate for an elected office may not, on the candidate's declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, claim affiliation with a political party in the state whose nominee received at least 2% of the total vote cast for Secretary of State at the most recent election for Secretary of State.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Summary-* The Election Division would need to confirm that a write-in candidate has not designated an affiliation with a party that received at least 2% of the vote total in the most recent Secretary of State election. It is likely that this provision would not significantly increase the administrative time necessary to complete the review of write-in candidates' "declaration of intent" forms.

**Background Information-** The most recent election of the Secretary of State occurred during the 2010 general election. Three political parties had at least 2% of the total vote for the Secretary of State from that election.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** County election boards would need to confirm that a write-in candidate has not designated party affiliation with a party that received at least 2% of the vote total in the most recent Secretary of State election. It is likely that this provision would not significantly increase the administrative time necessary to complete the review of write-in candidates' "declaration of intent" forms.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Election Division.

**Local Agencies Affected:** County election boards.

**Information Sources:** Indiana Election Division: *2010 Indiana Election Report*.

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